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INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

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AMEMBASSY LONDON

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SUBJECT: MTN: SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAIL

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1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL, U.S. MTN DEL MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT NOV 13 MEETING OF SUBGROUP ON SUBSIDIES/CVD: BEGIN QUOTE. AT THE END OF OUR MEETING ON MONDAY, THE EC REPRESENTATIVE POSED A NUMBER OF QUESTION ABOUT THE U.S. APPROACH. WE ATTEMPTED TO ANSWER THEM YESTERDAY AS BEST WE COULD. THERE WAS, HOWEVER, ONE POINT TOUCHED ON IN THE EC QUESTIONS TO WHICH WE HAVE NOT THUS FAR ADDRESSED OURSELVES. AS WE RECALL THE POINT, THE EC OBSERVED--CORRECTLY--THAT THE PROPOSED DEFINITION OF PROHIBITED SUBSIDY PRACTICES WE HAVE PUT FORWARD APPEARS TO BE A VERY BROAD ONE AND HE INQUIRED IF HE WAS CORRECT IN ASSUMING THIS DEFINITION WOULD COVER, FOR EXAMPLE, NEW YORK SALES TAXES NOT LEVIED ON GOODS SOLD OUTSIDE THAT STATE. THE UNITED STATES HAS NO PROPOSAL TO PUT FORWARD AT THIS TIME FOR DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF BORDER TAX ADJUSTMENTS AND WE ARE NOT PREPARED AT THIS TIME TO EXPRESS A JUDGEMENT AS TO THE RELATIONSHIP OF BORDER TAX ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PROPOSED CODE ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES. STATE SALES TAXES IN THE U.S. ARE, OF COURSE, A RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT PART OF BORDER TAX ADJUSTMENTS AFFECTING INTERNATIONAL TRADE. WE BELIEVE THE EFFECT ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF BORDERTAX ADJUSTMENTS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN UP DURING THE MTN, PERHAPS IN A SEPARATE NEGOTIATING GROUP, BUT WE WOULD NOT WANT TO RUE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF RETURNING TO THIS MATTER AT A LATER STAGE OF DISCUSSIONS IN THIS SUB-GROUP IF SUCH A SEPARATE GROUP IS NOT ESTABLISHED. END QUOTE

2. THERE WAS NO COMMENT OR REACTION BY OTHER DELEGATIONS.

3. APPRECIATE RECEIVING PROMPT GUIDANCE IN REFTEL.WALKER

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